

ABSOLUTE BATMAN



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THE FUTURE GETS A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM!

BATMAN *STATIC* BEYOND

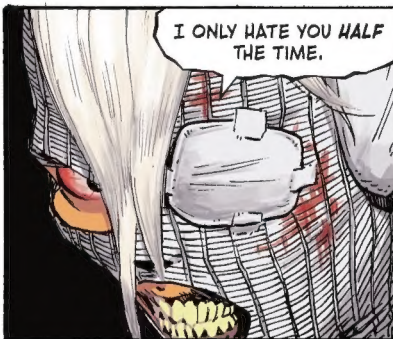
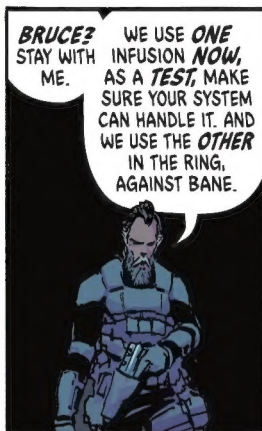
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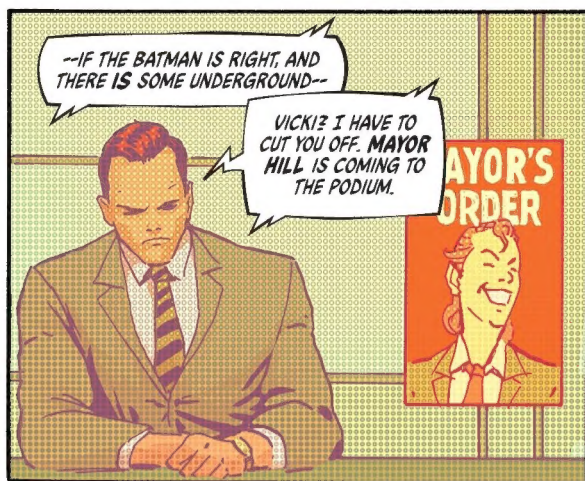
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--IF THE BATMAN IS RIGHT, AND THERE IS SOME UNDERGROUND--

VICKI? I HAVE TO CUT YOU OFF. MAYOR HILL IS COMING TO THE PODIUM.



FELLOW GOTHAMITES, I AM HERE TONIGHT TO ASSURE YOU, THAT DESPITE WHAT THE TERRORIST "BATMAN" CLAIMS, THERE ARE NO MONSTERS HIDDEN AWAY BENEATH OUR STREETS.



IN FACT, THE ONLY MONSTER IN THIS CITY IS HIM. AND...WHATEVER DANGEROUS THEATRICS HE WAS PLANNING TONIGHT AT VETERAN'S ARENA WILL NOT BE HAPPENING.



STILL, WE INSIST THAT **EVERYONE** HONOR THE ELEVEN P.M. CURFEW PUT IN PLACE AFTER THE BLACK MASK ATTACK...



...AND REMAIN HOME AND **SAFE** FROM THE BATMAN'S LAWLESS VIOLENCE. THANK YOU. AND GOD BLESS GOTHAM.

#%& BATMAN AGAIN.



THERE YOU HAVE IT. AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS RELEASED A STATEMENT, REITERATING THAT THERE IS "ABSOLUTELY **NO FIGHT** BETWEEN BATMAN AND ANYONE ELSE HAPPENING TONIGHT."



SO THE FIGHT HAPPENS AT MIDNIGHT.

BUT--

BULLOCK. IT CAME STRAIGHT FROM ABOVE. NO ONE GETS WITHIN TEN BLOCKS OF THAT PLACE, EXCEPT FOR BATMAN...AND HIM.



YES, SIR.



I DON'T
KNOW IF YOU
CAN HEAR
ME...

...BUT
IF YOU
CAN?



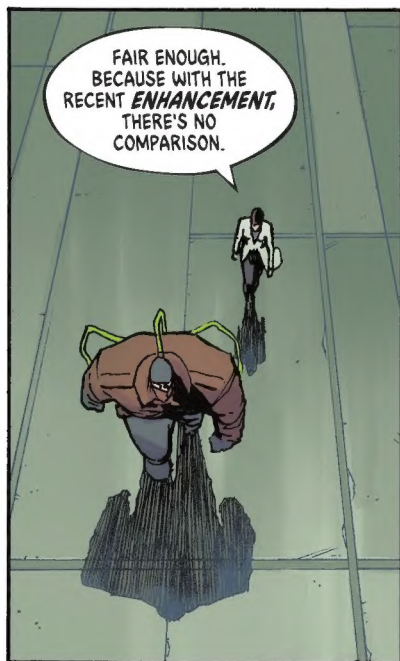
I HOPE
YOU HAVE A
DAMN GOOD
PLAN.



YOU SHOULD
BE AWARE. ACCORDING
TO OUR DATA, SUBJECT 27
LIKELY STILL HAS AT LEAST
ONE INFUSION LEFT IN
HIS SYSTEM.

I'M
COUNTING
ON IT.

IF HIS SYSTEM
TOLERATES THE
VENOM, *HE* CAN BE
YOUR NEW PROJECT
FROM NOW ON.

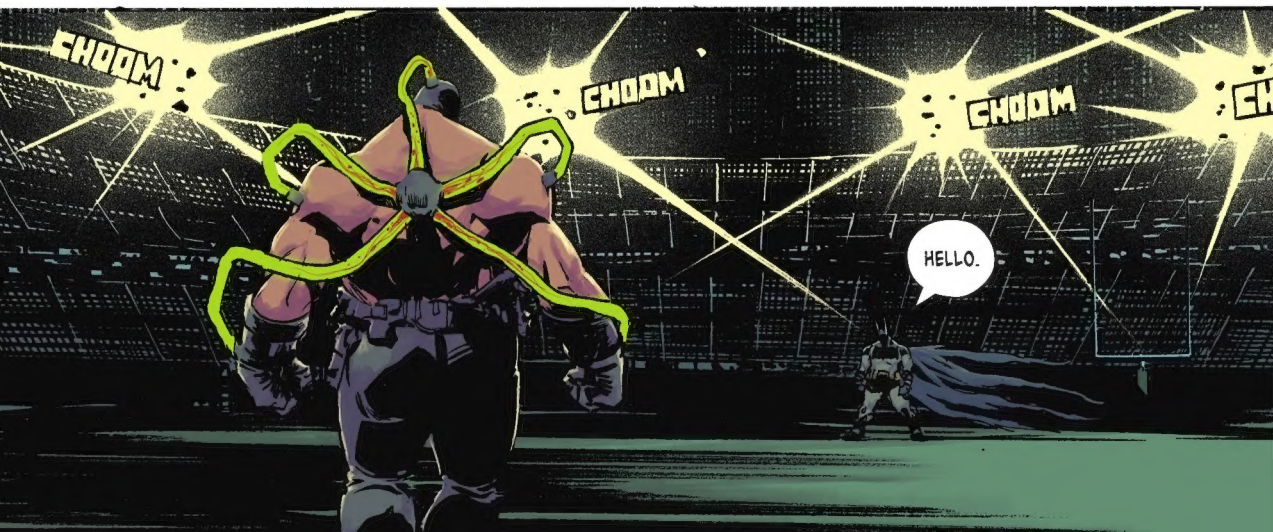
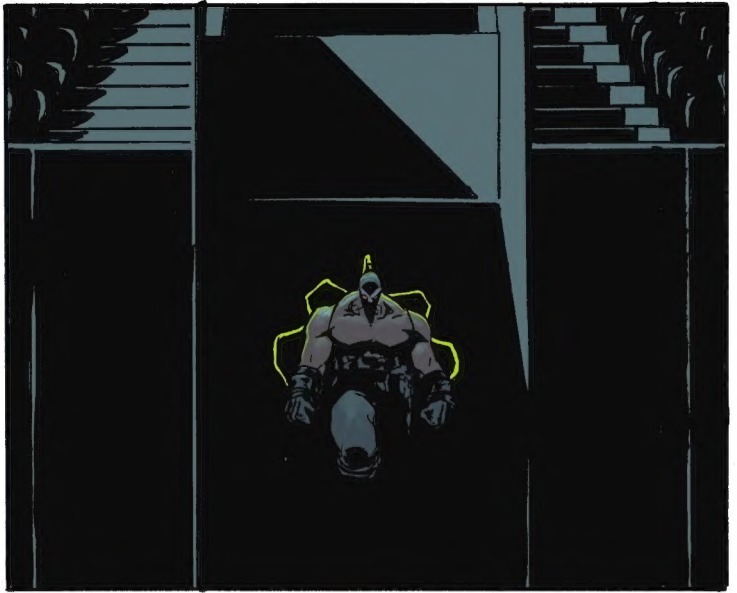
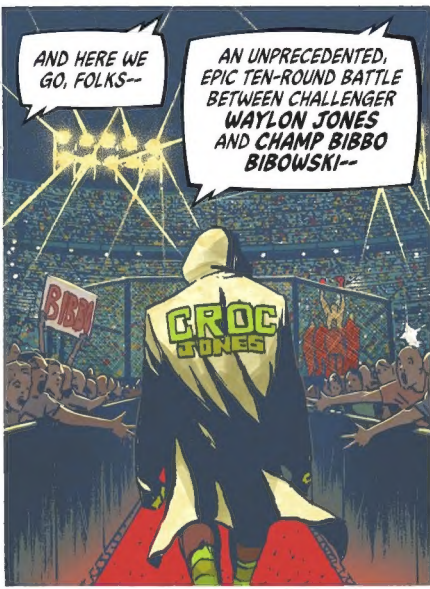


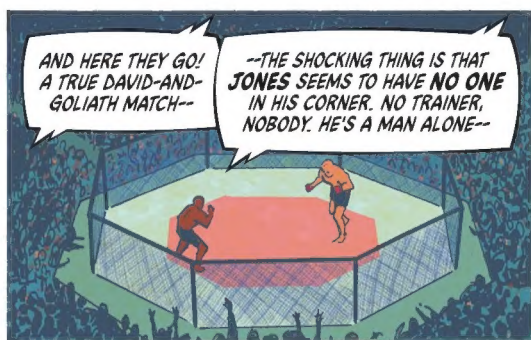
FAIR ENOUGH.
BECAUSE WITH THE
RECENT *ENHANCEMENT*,
THERE'S NO
COMPARISON.

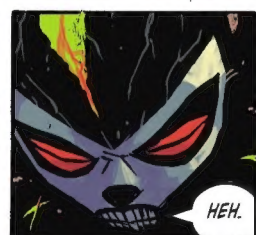


BUT BANE,
AFTER THIS
FIGHT, YOUR
SYSTEM WILL
NEED A *LONG*
REST.

"THE HEART'S
ONLY TRUE NURSE."
ALL I WANT IS REST,
DOCTOR ARKHAM.
ONE MORE FIGHT--
ONE MORE--
AND I'LL
HAVE IT.

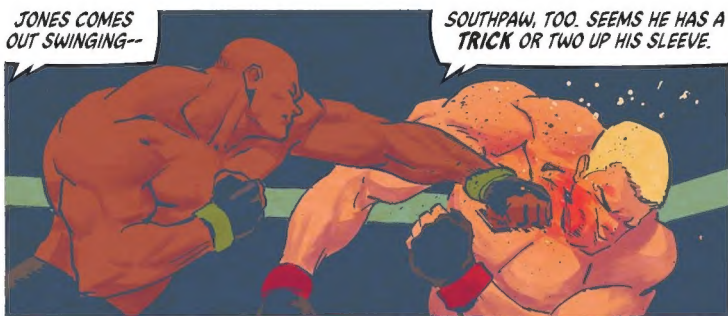






JONES COMES
OUT SWINGING--

SOUTHPAW, TOO. SEEMS HE HAS A
TRICK OR TWO UP HIS SLEEVE.



INCOMING!



YOU THINK
I DON'T SEE WHAT
YOU'RE DOING,
LITTLE ONE?



LOCKED
IN, KID!



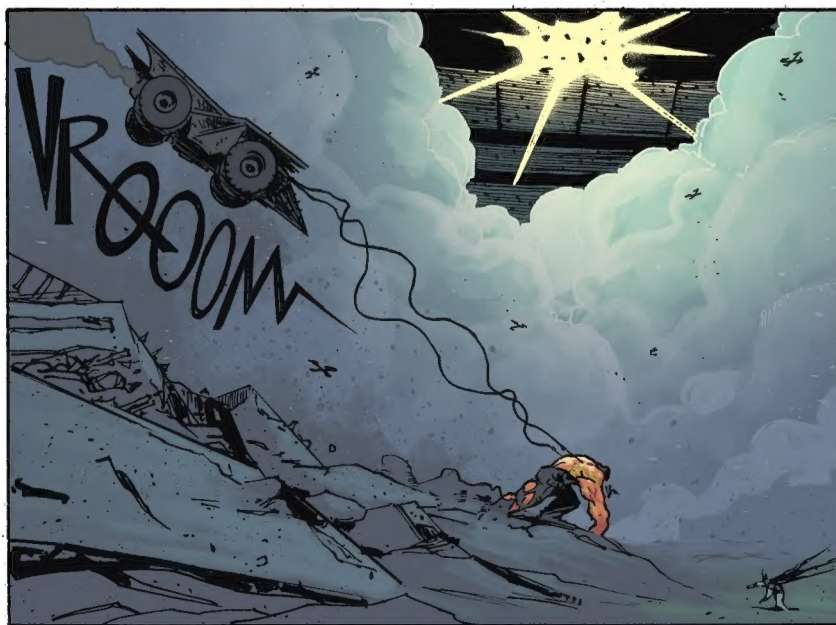
FIRE!



THOOM



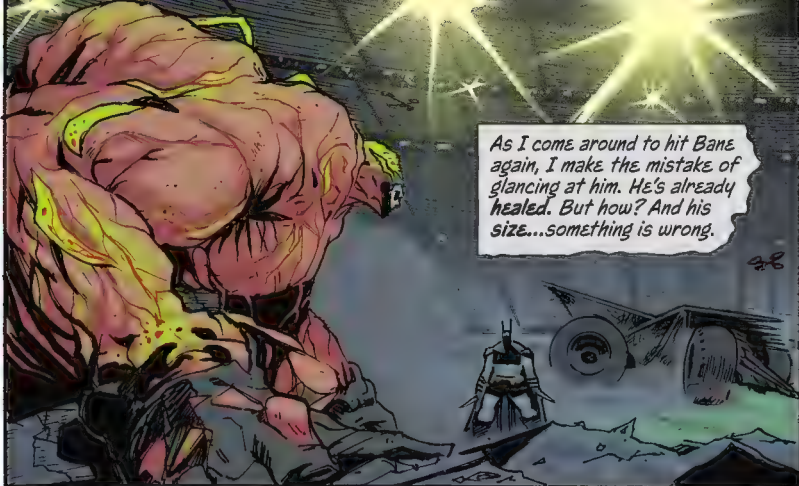
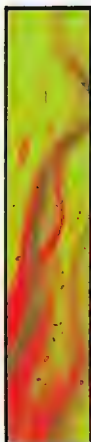
THUNK THUNK



AAGH!

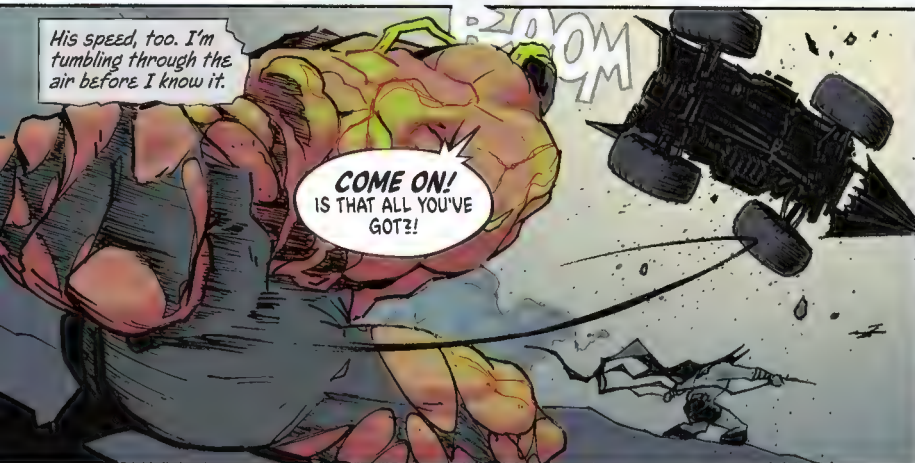


THREE ROUNDS INTO THIS
HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT AND
JONES IS STILL BRINGING
IT TO THE CHAMP!

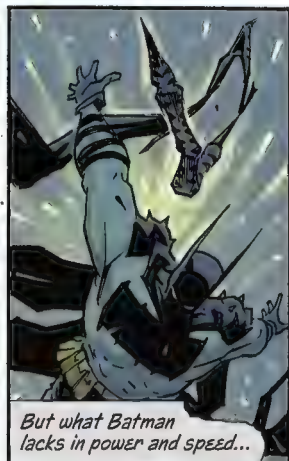


As I come around to hit Bane
again, I make the mistake of
glancing at him. He's already
healed. But how? And his
size...something is wrong.

His speed, too. I'm
tumbling through the
air before I know it.



COME ON!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE
GOT?!



But what Batman
lacks in power and speed...

...he makes up for
in brutality.



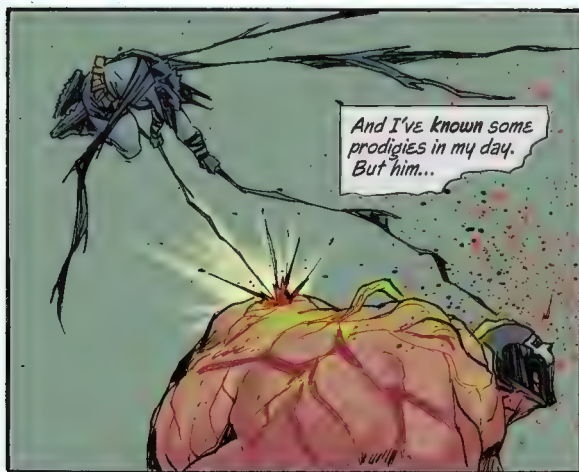
UNH!



He's a
genius at
violence.



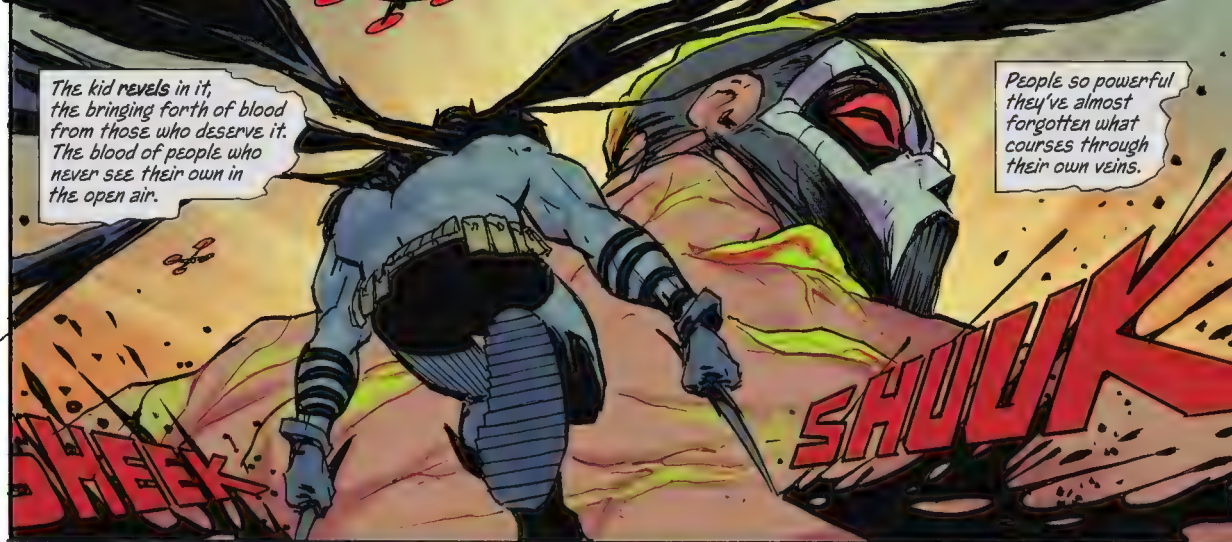
AAAGH!



And I've known some
prodigies in my day.
But him...

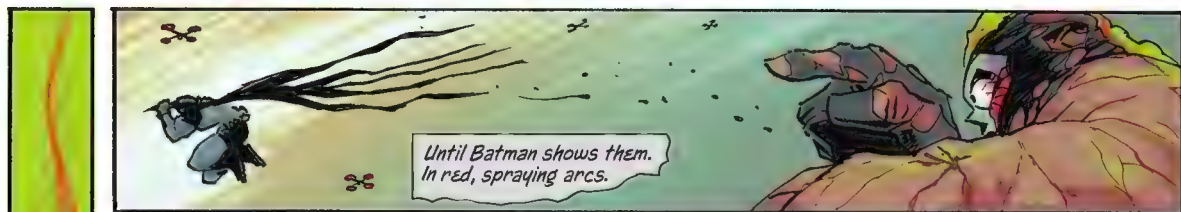


...he moves like a man ecstatic.
A man born to do this very
thing. He doesn't hesitate,
not even when Bane regrows
his eyeball.



The kid revels in it, the bringing forth of blood from those who deserve it. The blood of people who NEVER SEE their own in the open air.

People so powerful they've almost forgotten what courses through their own veins.



Until Batman shows them. In red, spraying arcs.

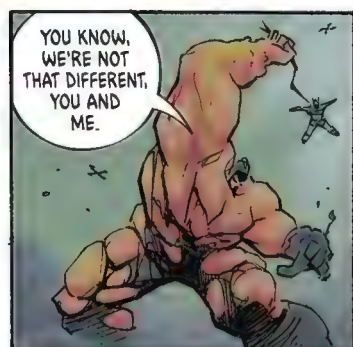


Pluck!

But then Bane grabs him.



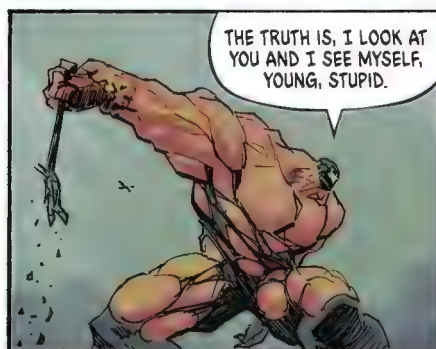
KID!
NO!



YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, YOU AND ME.



BUT PLAYTIME IS OVER. SO GO ON, NOW.

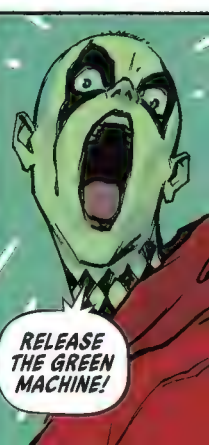


THE TRUTH IS, I LOOK AT YOU AND I SEE MYSELF, YOUNG, STUPID.

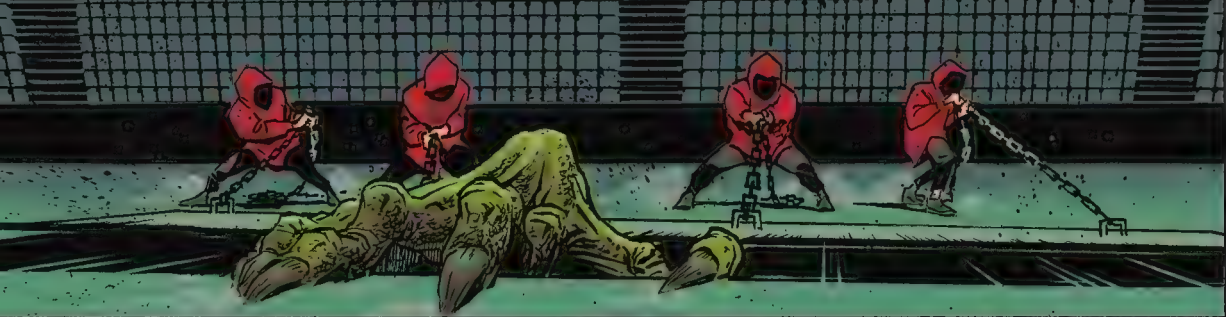


USE IT. IT'S YOUR ONLY MOVE.

NOT... QUITE... NOW!



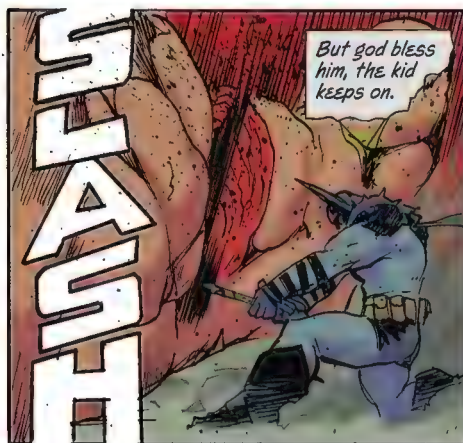
RELEASE THE GREEN MACHINE!





The thing that was once Waylon Jones fears at him, ripping off chunks of flesh, swallowing them whole.

Bane infuses more Venom. I can hear the sickening squelch of muscle fibers multiplying, thickening. He grows bigger, impossibly big. The wounds close.



But god bless him, the kid keeps on.



AAGHHH!
YOU LITTLE--



WHAT?!
NO FANCY
QUOTE?!



"TOWARDS GNATS
AND FLEAS WE SHOULD
SHOW NO PITY..."



BOOM



--CHAMP COMES
ROARING BACK! THIS
COULD BE TROUBLE
FOR JONES--

--AS WE MOVE INTO
THE LATTER HALF
WHO EXPECTED THIS
TO BE A CLASSIC?



LORD, THAT WAS
A BRUTAL HOOK
BY BIBBO.

HIT HIM
AGAIN! SO
#&%& **HARD** THEY
FEEL IT UP IN THE
NOSEBLEEDS!



BATS!
HEY!



AND WITH NO ONE IN
HIS CORNER, JONES
LOOKS LOST!

HA! THIS
IS IT. YOUR
BOY GOES DOWN
NEXT ROUND.
HARD.



SO THIS IS
PROBABLY WHEN
SOMEONE GIVES YOU A
BIG INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH,
BUT I'M JUST GOING TO
TELL YOU TO GET THE
\$%& UP, COOL?

COOL.



NOW GET
BACK IN THERE
AND SAVE THAT
ALLIGATOR!

CROCODILE.



KID, HE JUST
KEEPS INFUSING
MORE VENOM!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIS MAX
LEVEL IS.



HELL, I DON'T
KNOW THAT HE
HAS ONE
ANYMORE!



WHAT'S
YOUR POINT,
PENNY-
WORTH?



MY POINT IS, I DONT THINK YOU CAN
GET HIM TO REACH SOME MAX
LEVEL AT ALL! IF YOU USE THE
VENOM **NOW**, MAYBE YOU CAN
AT LEAST GET OUT OF--

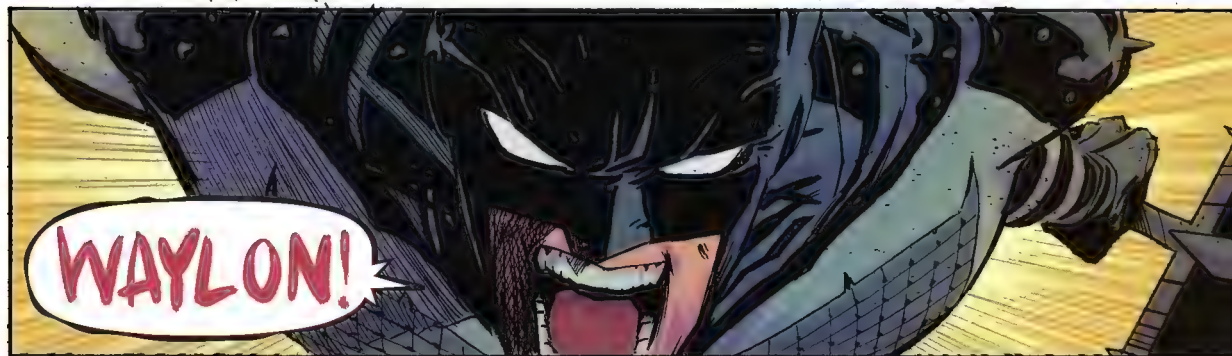


NO! **WE**
STICK TO
THE PLAN!



TELL
ME WE'RE
STILL
LIVE?

OH,
WE'RE
LIVE,
BOSS.



WAYLON!

HALFWAY INTO
THE SEVENTH
AND JONES
IS BARELY
HANGING ON!

HEY!



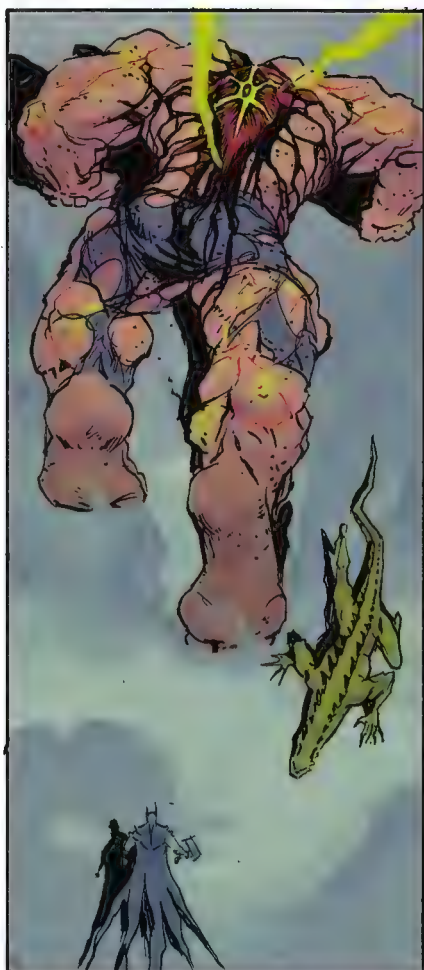
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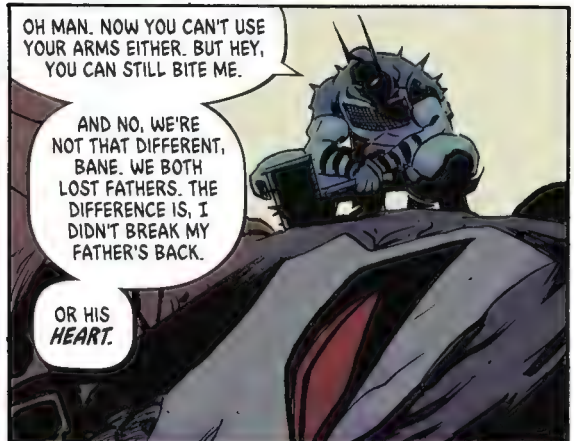
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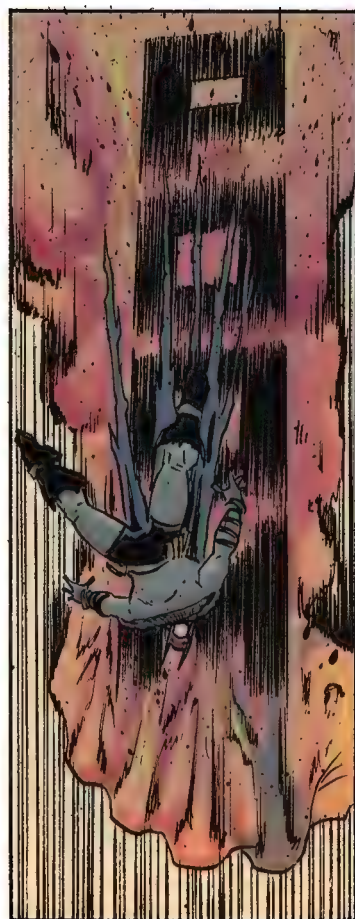
YEAH! I'M
HERE!

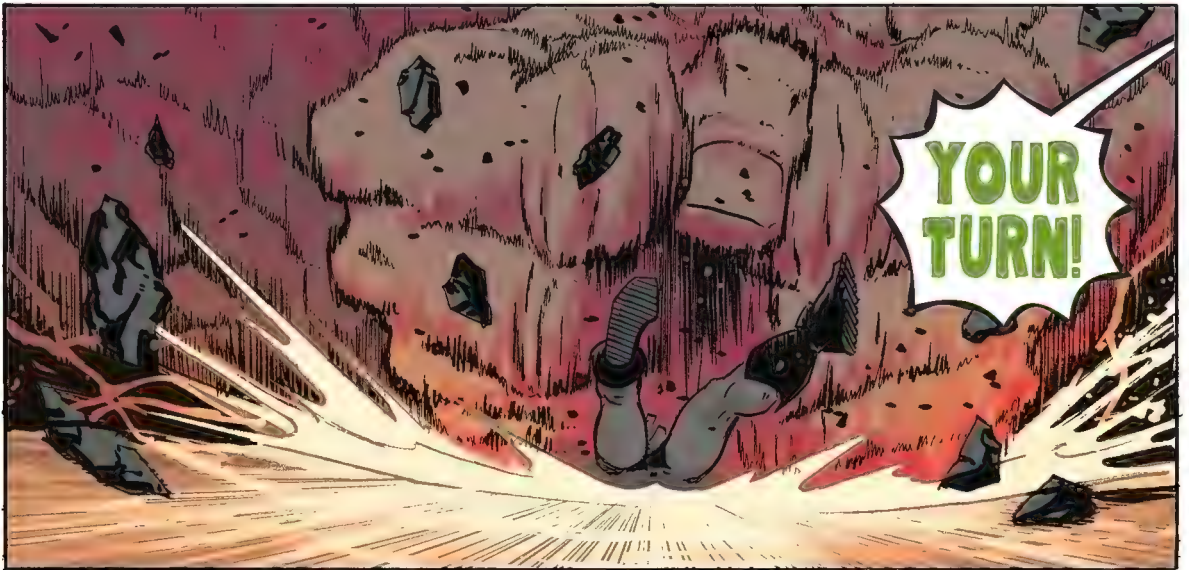
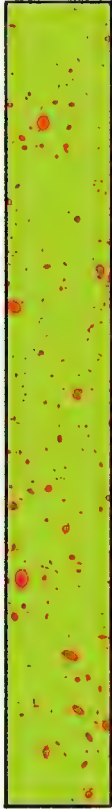
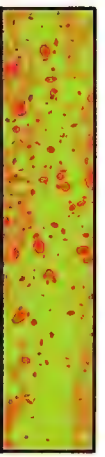
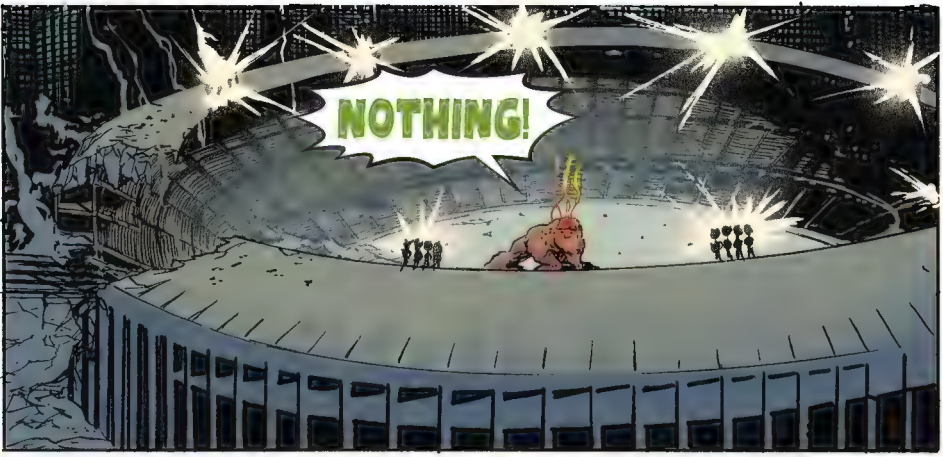
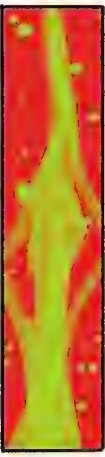
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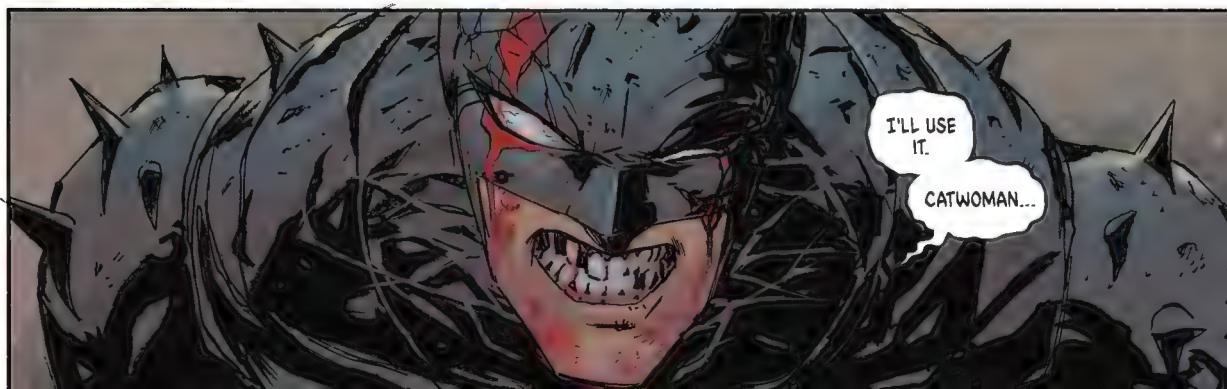
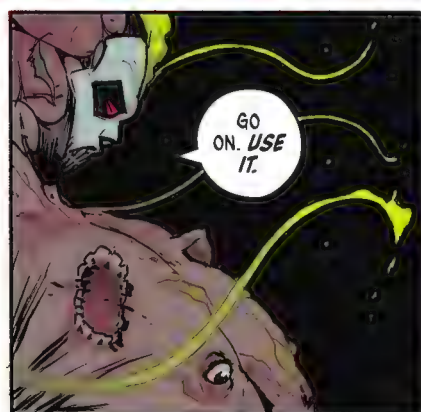
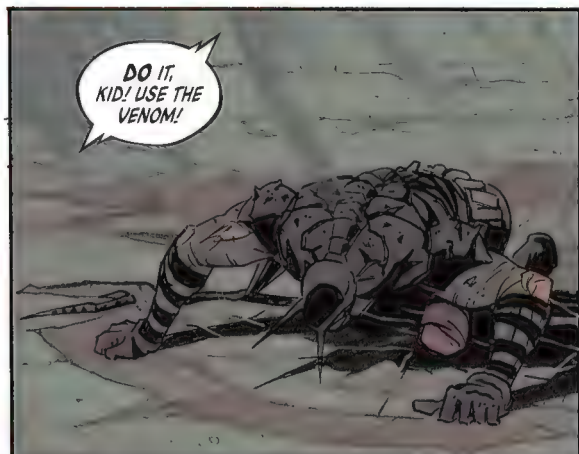
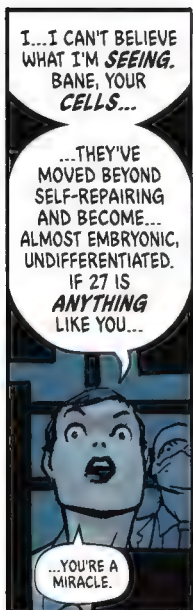
YOU
CAN'T--













...TAKE THE SHOT.

I GOT YOU, BABY.

THUP
THUP

THUP
THUP
THUP



JONES GOES AIRBORNE!

FLIPS HIM!
USING THE CHAMP'S OWN WEIGHT--



TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

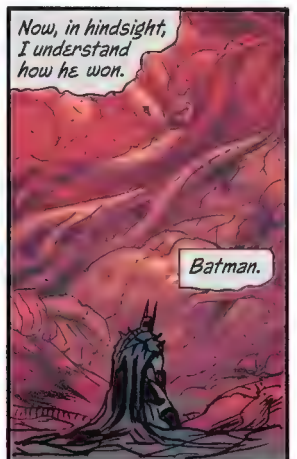
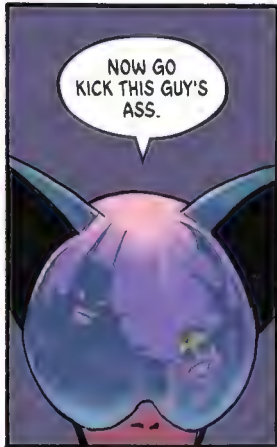
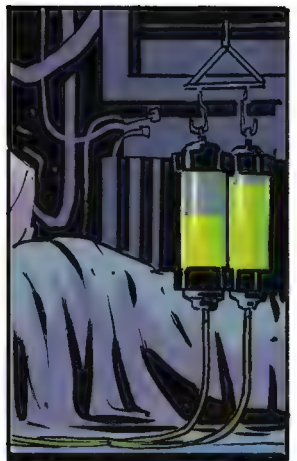


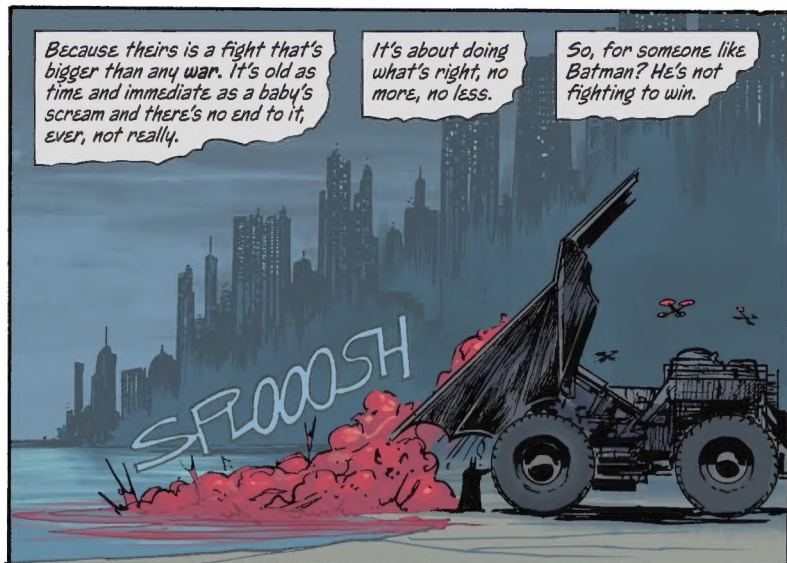
...NO.



--DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?!







Because theirs is a fight that's bigger than any war. It's old as time and immediate as a baby's scream and there's no end to it, ever, not really.

It's about doing what's right, no more, no less.

So, for someone like Batman? He's not fighting to win.



He's fighting to fight. The fight is the point.

For home. For the people he loves.



YOU SEE THAT, OZ?



BRUCE KICKED HIM RIGHT INTO THE BAY!



And I'm grateful to Batman for the reminder.



LATER...

DID YOU HAVE A NICE VISIT TO GOTHAM, MS. KYLE?

THAT'S ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE IT.

CAN I TAKE THAT FOR YOU?



NO, I'LL KEEP THIS ONE WITH ME, THANKS...

CLICK



CODA.

WELL GOOD MORNING!

I MUST SAY, BANE, YOU'RE LOOKING **WONDERFUL** TODAY!

YOUR **CELLS**... THEY'RE JUST A SUCH A MARVEL. BUT! I'M HERE BECAUSE SOMEONE **ELSE** WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. HERE...

BANE. I JUST WANTED TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE. THIS WHOLE INCIDENT, I SEE IT AS A MINOR SETBACK.

NOW, LOOK. I KNOW YOU WERE HOPING TO RETIRE, CEDE THE ROLE, BUT MY **SINCERE BELIEF** IS THAT WOULDN'T MAKE YOU HAPPY. NOT REALLY. LYING AROUND SANTA PRISCA WITH THE FAMILY?

COME ON... YOU LOVE IT TOO MUCH--THIS WAR. SO, AS YOUR FRIEND, I'D LIKE TO HELP.

SANTA PRISCA.

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF YOUR FATHER'S REBEL GROUP, AGAIN? "CIELOS LIBRES?" WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME.

FREE SKIES.

SEE, THAT'S HOW I WANT YOU TO FEEL FROM NOW ON. SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON WHAT YOU **REALLY** LOVE. UNBURDENED. LIBERATED.

FREE.

NEXT: JOKER...



THE FIRST DAYS OF THE FIRST SUPER-TEAM!

JSA

YEAR ONE



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